

## PEOPLE OF THE DAY

## New Minister to China.

William J. Calhoun of Chicago, the new minister to China, has proved his skill in the handling of important foreign missions in two former administrations. When President McKinley was elected the first time Cuban troubles were imminent, and Mr. Calhoun was chosen to go to Havana and report upon conditions there. He went as special envoy of the United States government and in a month had completed his investigation. His report, coupled with that of Senator Proctor, formed the basis on which war was declared with Spain.

Again in 1905, when Castro, president of Venezuela, was making trouble for American citizens, President Roosevelt sent Mr. Calhoun to that



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country as a special envoy. That he was intrusted with errands so confidential by two presidents is indicative of the high regard entertained of his diplomatic skill.

Mr. Calhoun is a native of Pennsylvania and attended school at the Poland (O.) Union seminary. Among his fellow students was William McKinley, afterward president of the United States. Leaving Poland, Mr. Calhoun studied law in Illinois and eventually settled in Chicago. His practice has been largely on corporation law.

## "Vain" Fritz as Workman.

"Eitel," which is an old family name among the Hohenzollerns, means "vain"; consequently it attracted an unusual amount of attention when Prince Eitel Fritz adopted unusual methods lately to decrease his weight. It did not seem to anybody else that the prince was taking on enough flesh to prove unbecoming, but it did not accord with his own idea of a proper military figure, and he went to his summer residence near Charlottenburg and lived the life of an ordinary out of door laborer. He stayed several weeks and worked all day at gardening, tree felling and carpentering, wearing a workman's clothes. He also helped in the construction of a new riding school. The princess became so interested in the cure that one day when she stopped to watch some masons in the construction of a clockwork fountain in connection with the new building she became so interested that she set to work with hammer and trowel and worked for nearly an hour.

## North Dakota's New Senator.

Fountain L. Thompson, recently appointed senator from North Dakota by Governor Burke to fill the unexpired term caused by the death of Senator Martin N. Johnson, is the newest member of the upper house of con-



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gress. It is said that Senator Thompson will not long wear the toga. Senator Thompson has never been politically prominent, his activities having been largely confined to business.

In a recent interview Senator Thompson said that, while he had always been a Democrat and had held various local offices, he had never sought political preferment. As to politics, he declared that the manner in which it had been conducted in recent years had cultivated in him a distaste for it.

Senator Thompson is fifty-five years old and was born and raised on a farm near Scottsville, Ill. He resided in that state until 1888, when he removed to North Dakota. He was educated for the law, but never practiced his profession. In North Dakota he has accumulated a fortune as a farmer, banker and real estate dealer.

## HINTS FOR FARMERS

## System in Horse Breeding.

It might be hard to put one's finger on the greatest defect in horse breeding on the farms of this country, but perhaps nothing is doing more to keep the business back than the lack of a definite system on the part of many farmers, says the National Stockman and Farmer. This lack of system is responsible for the great mixing of types and breeds, which means inevitably the production of mongrels. Every farmer who raises horses should make up his mind to follow some system in his breeding. It does not matter so much what type or breed of horses he may select. Whatever serves his purpose best on his farm and brings him a fair price for the surplus is a good system. Farm mares, those used in farm work, can raise colts cheaper than any breeder who has to keep a lot of idle mares can raise them, and they can be just as good whether they are of trotting, carriage or draft blood. The mares won't look so nice, and perhaps the foals will not develop quite so fast, but the economy of their production will offset other disadvantages. The farmer who uses his brood mares and his colts when old enough to do his work can raise good ones if he gets the right type and sticks to it, and he can raise them cheap enough to make money on them.

## Feeding For Eggs.

The morning feed of mixed whole grain, consisting of wheat, corn, oats or any good grain to be had is scattered in the straw of the scratch shed, writes an Iowa poultrywoman in the Western Poultry Journal. Here the hens will work, contented and happy, through the cold winter days, when the snow keeps them in. About the middle of the afternoon I feed a mash of two-thirds wheat bran and one of middlings and cracked corn. To this I add all table scraps and enough hot water or milk to make a crumbly mass. The hens always relish this feed. During the short winter days I feed but twice, but there is always something to be found in the scratching material if they are hungry enough to work for it. For green feed I give them second crop clover hay, mangel wurzels, small potatoes, cabbage or any other vegetables I can get. The poultry have oyster shells, grit, wheat bran, charcoal and beef scraps always before them in small hoppers fastened to the fall of the shed. There is one thing more that I cannot dispense with, and that is my bone cutter. By the aid of this machine all scraps of meat and bones can be reduced to very profitable food, and there is nothing that will start the hens to laying quicker. During freezing weather I give warm water.

## About Testing Cows.

The tests we want are the ones made with normal feeding, whether for one week or one year, writes a New York dairyman in Kimball's Dairy Farmer. Personally I want both. A week's test will show the capacity of the cow, and a year's test will show the ability of the man as a feeder. With proper feeding there is little danger of injuring the offspring. The first thing I look for when reading a test is the amount and kind of feeds fed; then I can tell whether the cow is a paying proposition or not. A cow that eats a dollar's worth of feed to produce a dollar's worth of butter is of little value, even though she produces twenty pounds of butter per week. What prospective purchasers want and are entitled to is what your cow has done for a year in milk according to the test, what feeds were fed and what kind of care was given. Don't pamper, don't stuff, but don't be afraid to feed. There are thousands of cows ruined by underfeeding where one is spoiled by overfeeding.

## The Brood Sow.

On every farm there is a good deal of waste from different sources, writes D. J. Blyther in Kimball's Dairy Farmer. A brood sow offers a very profitable market for all this, even to the weeds from the garden.

It is a good plan when a sow of good type proves herself a prolific breeder and an economical feeder and kind mother to keep her several years.

A mature sow requires only food for maintenance, while a growing one needs food for growth. Furthermore, the older one will have a good appetite for waste that a young one would not care for.

It is worth considerable to know that at farrowing time, if you do not happen to be around, your pigs are safe, while with an untired young sow you never know what is going to happen to the pigs.

## Fattening Fowls.

Buckwheat meal is very good to use in fattening chickens, but should be used in preference mixed, half of its bulk of other meal, choice being given to cornmeal or ground oats. To fatten a fowl you should commence doing so exactly eighteen days before the fowl or fowls are needed for killing or for marketing, as after eighteen days of fattening they begin to lose flesh instead of gaining it.—A. V. Meersch in Western Poultry Journal.

## Protect the Grindstone.

A grindstone should never be left exposed to the sun. The weight of the handle will always cause one portion of the stone to remain uppermost, and this from exposure will reach a different degree of hardness from the underside, so that after awhile the stone will be ground out of circle. If the stone has to stand in the open a flat box can easily be obtained to serve as a cover.

## LOVED FOR HERSELF

Alarie Leigh bore his fate like a man when he learned from the lips of Aurora Stanley that she was the promised wife of another. Aurora's betrothed husband was expected from Europe, and the preparations for the wedding had already begun. But one morning the thunderbolt fell.

Her father had speculated heavily and lost. Hoping to retrieve his losses, he had become an embezzler and a forger, and his sin had found him out. He was a hunted criminal.

The dainty, spoiled child of luxury was forsaken by her butterfly friends and sneered down at the beggarly daughter of a feeling criminal.

"I am so glad Charles is rich," she thought. And for the first time since she knew him she thought of him with something like affection and yearned for his coming. "The steamer came in this morning, and in a few hours more he will be here to comfort and protect me."

But before he came she had another guest.

Looking from a window of the grand mansion that in another week would be her home no longer, she saw Alarie Leigh coming up the marble steps.

"Miss Stanley," he began gravely, "I have come on a most disagreeable errand. I am commissioned to inform you that your unhappy father has returned to the city and means to give himself up to justice."

"He must not!" she gasped.

"He has no means to do otherwise," answered the young man gravely. "He sent me to tell you that if you could dispose of your diamonds he might be in safety, but also establish some sort of business there by which he might some time regain an honorable name and place among his fellow men."

"Here they are," she said hurriedly, placing a heavy casket in his hands. "Oh, Alarie, go quickly and tell him if he loves his suffering daughter never to give himself up to a felon's punishment."

In her trouble she never thought to inquire how Alarie Leigh had become the confidant of her broken and disgraced parent.

As she spoke the bell rang loudly.

"It is Charles!" she said gladly.

"One word more, Aurora, before I go," said Alarie. "If you ever feel that you need my friendship do not hesitate to send for me."

The girl did not hear him. She only seemed to hear the drum, light footsteps on the threshold of the parlor door, and Alarie, passing out of a door opposite, looked back for a second and saw her spring into the embrace of Charles Buckingham.

"Oh, Charles, I am so glad you have come! I am in such trouble," said Aurora, clinging to his arm as she drew him to a seat.

"Indeed, my little goddess!" drawled the exquisite. "What sort of trouble?" he asked.

"Oh, Charles, have you not heard of our terrible misfortune?" she asked. "I thought the whole city would babble it to you before you saw me," she continued.

"I have heard nothing," he returned, growing anxious.

And so she told him all, never heeding as she talked on with feverish rapidity that the face of the man who had pledged to her eternal love and constancy was assuming a smile of lofty and haughty indifference that betrayed his true character.

"And so the wedding can't be?" he observed in a tone that cut through her heart like a thrust of frosty steel. "Is that what you want to suggest, Miss Stanley? Well, you are quite right. Most girls under such circumstances would have held a poor fellow to his contract. But you are as wise as you are unselfish, and I honor you for it. Rory—poor my soul I do."

Aurora sprang to her feet, amazed and indignant at this unparalleled act of hypocrisy and his offensive familiarity.

"Thank God, I never loved you!" she cried, and tearing the betrothal ring from her finger, she flung it at his feet. "Go, and leave me alone! In all the world I have not a friend—not one."

"In all the world I have not a friend—not one," was the burden of Aurora's sorrow for many a weary day.

One day Aunt Betty in her faded brown silk and ancient bonnet came for the unhappy girl.

"You must go home with me, Rory. It is a poor sort of place for a fine lady, but it is better than nothing, girlie."

So Aurora went, and when the summer came again Alarie Leigh came with it. If he still loved Aurora he never betrayed the fact by any sign whatever, and perhaps that was why, with the inconsistency of girlhood, she began to think him a paragon among men. But he did love her still, and after a long, long time he told her the truth.

"An affection like mine, Aurora," he said, in his grave, straightforward way, "never changes. I can give you a comfortable home, and if you will be my wife I shall be the happiest of husbands."

"I can't marry you for a home," she answered, and a tender quaver in her voice made his heart beat faster.

"Marry me for love, then, dear," he observed audaciously.

"Oh, blind Alarie! I have loved you always!"

And that was the truth.

What a quiet little wedding it was—no satin and lace and orange blossoms, only a slim, beautiful form, robed like the simplest village maid, in plain white muslin and crowned with white rosebuds.

## GOOD EXERCISE.

Practicing Juggling at Home as an Aid to Health.

It has been contended that the easiest and pleasantest way to keep in fit condition is to practice juggling, the art of balancing and catching objects.

When exercising at home, unwatched by a teacher, one is likely to perform his exercises in an incorrect or slovenly fashion, thus doing himself more harm than good, but the simplest feat of juggling can be done in only one way, the right way. Again, where physical exercise develops only a certain part or parts of the body five minutes' juggling calls into play every important muscle. Finally, few physical exercises train the eye or the hand. Juggling does both.

The mistake the novice is likely to make is that he tries to do off-hand what it has taken the experienced juggler years of practice to accomplish. The beginner should, of course, start with the easiest feats, such as balancing a walking stick on his forehead or tossing a ball from behind his back over his shoulder and catching it as it falls. If one is really fond of juggling he may invent his own problems.

Here are a few axioms:

It is easier to balance a thing on your head than on your hand. Up to the point where great physical strength is required the larger the object the easier it is to balance. Thus it is easier to balance a walking stick on your forehead than it is a pencil.

One should always look at the top of whatever he is balancing. Beginners make the mistake of looking at the bottom or the middle of the stick or whatever is being juggled. Again, when catching things do not watch your hands. Keep your eye on the object, just as you would to catch a batted ball.

In all balancing feats it should be remembered that the shape of the object is immaterial. What one has to do is to balance an imaginary line passing vertically through the center of gravity of the object, or, in other words, to keep its axis perpendicular to whatever it is balanced upon. Juggling is said to be the best and healthiest of indoor exercises, because it does not weary, because it develops every part of the body, because it trains the hand and the eye and because it makes for grace.—New York Tribune.

## An Afghan Trick.

During a shooting match in the presence of the governor of Kandahar the sirdar noticed to his astonishment that the heads of sparrows were the favorite butt of the marksmen, who but seldom missed their aim, whereupon he declared that it was far more difficult to hit an egg. Sir Peter laughed at the supposition, but the sirdar stood his ground, and the matter was put to the test. An egg was suspended on a wall, and the soldiers fired at it; but, strange to say, not one of them hit the egg. The governor and his suit kept their countenances and excused the nonsuccess of the firing party on the ground of the difficulty of the thing. At last a ball happened to hit the thread to which the egg was fastened, and it fell to the ground without breaking. Now the mystery was solved. The cunning Afghan had used a blown egg, and the featherweight shell had been moved aside each time by the current of air in front of the ball and thus escaped being hit.

## Snubbed a Duke.

Manners mark the man, but the typical Briton resents any advance from a stranger with a cold stare. Yet it is an Englishman who narrates an incident of railway travel. On the way to London in a first class compartment were two well dressed men. Opposite them sat an elderly gentleman, whose fur coat and silk hat both looked shabby. The elderly man made a remark about the weather. The others stared at him with insolent silence. When the train reached Waterloo there came two tall flunkies in fur tippets and corded hats to the door of our compartment, and one of them said to the shabby old gentleman, "Your grace, the carriage is here." Whereupon the two snobs turned thirteen different kinds of green and pink and purple, and I went on my way rejoicing. The cads had snubbed a duke.—Washington Herald.

## The Nightingales.

The father of Florence Nightingale was William Shore, who assumed by letters patent the surname of Nightingale in 1815. The name, together with the family property, came from old Peter Nightingale, against whom Arkwright, inventor of the spinning jenny, brought in 1776 one of his actions for infringement of patent rights. Lea Hurst, the home of the Nightingales in Derbyshire, is only two miles from Cromford, where Arkwright set up his mill and the adjacent manor house of which he purchased from Nightingale.—London Chronicle.

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